

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment which comprises an anode for oxidizing liquid fuel, a cathode for reducing oxygen, an electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly provided between the anode and the cathode, a fuel container for holding the liquid fuel, and ~~an air vent hole which has a gas/liquid separation function and is provided on a wall surface of a fuel container a plurality of air vent holes provided in a wall surface of the fuel container, wherein at least one of the air vent holes has a gas/liquid separation function and at least one of the air vent holes is kept unsealed from the liquid fuel.~~

15. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly is provided on a wall surface of the fuel container.

16. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the at least one air vent hole with the gas/liquid separation function is provided so as to vent air between outside and inside of the fuel container.

17. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the at least one air vent hole with the gas/liquid separation function has a function of a fuel feeding hole.

18. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the at least one air vent hole with the gas/liquid separation function of the air vent hole is attained by use of comprises a water repellent porous membrane.

19. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a diffusion layer arranged in contact with the anode and/or the cathode.

20. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a liquid fuel holding material filled in the fuel cell power generation equipment and in contact with the anode.

21. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a liquid fuel holding material filled in the fuel cell power generation equipment and in contact with the diffusion layer which is in contact with the anode.

22. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the liquid fuel container is composed of an electrically insulating material.

23. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein at least an outer wall surface of the fuel container is treated for an electrical insulation.

24. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the liquid fuel is an aqueous methanol solution.